

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE
NATURAL GAS PIPELINES AND MAINS IN AND ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE
PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA**

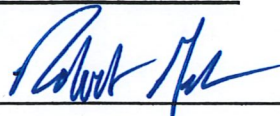
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BROOKINGS COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Commissioners:

The undersigned, **NorthWestern Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, d/b/a
NorthWestern Energy**, duly qualified to do business in the state of South
Dakota, with its principal business office at 600 Market Street West, Huron,
South Dakota, engaged in the transmission, distribution, and sale of natural gas
to retail customers hereby makes application, pursuant to the provisions of SDCL
7-8-23, for the right to construct, lay, maintain and operate natural gas pipelines
and mains in and along the rights of way of the public highways in the county of
Brookings, South Dakota, more particularly described hereinafter, for a period of
twenty (20) years and for as long an extended period as the Legislature may
provide, from and after the _____ day of _____, 2021,
for the purpose of service of natural gas utility services to its customers.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2021.

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY

By: 

Its: Real Estate Representative